

The Surgical Clinics. John B. Murphy, M. D., at Mercy Hospital, Chicago. Published by W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London.

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Surgical Operations. By Prof. F. Pels-Leusden. Translated by F. E. Gardner, M. D. Pages 726, 4to, linen. Published by Rebman & Co., New York. Price \$7.00.

The publishers should be encouraged in their efforts to make accessible to the English-speaking medical profession much of the best in modern German literature. The volume before us is from the pen of the chief of the surgical dispensary of the Charité Hospital in Berlin, a pupil of König's, who has grown up in the traditions of the school of v. Langenbeck and v. Bergmann. He presents a good exposition of the classical operative procedures, and makes his book especially valuable to the student by the detailed consideration of the simpler maneuvers, such as, for instance, catheterization. Abundant and clear diagrammatic drawings elucidate the text.

If any fault might be found with the work it is that of ultra-conservatism. The author makes no mention of many of the newer procedures whose place in surgery seems to be established with reasonable security, and clings to older methods which are not always in accord with modern teachings. Grossich's sterilization of the skin with tincture of iodine, for example, surely is worthy of mention, and the statement that "It is by no means indispensable to remove the whole tonsil—it is enough to take a large slice from the surface and thus to open widely the crypts of the depth," will scarcely pass unchallenged.

The English of the translation is most crabbed. Sentences like "carry out quick the contemplated intervention" and terms like "indwelling catheter" (for retention-catheter) might better be avoided.

The book is well printed on good paper. It makes a good text-book; its value to the practitioner would be considerably enhanced by sufficient references to the literature. L. E.

Tumors of the Jaws. By Charles L. Scudder, M. D., Surgeon to the Massachusetts General Hospital. Octavo of 391 pages, with 353 illustrations, 6 in colors. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1912. Cloth, \$6.00 net; half morocco, \$7.50 net.

A study based on the material of the Massachusetts General Hospital. Pathology, diagnosis and symptomatology are fully discussed, treatment and operative technic rather scantily. The question of the application of prostheses after resection of the jaws deserves fuller consideration; an expression of personal opinion and experience by the author would have been of interest in this connection.

Claude Martin of Lyons, the first to advocate the use of the immediate prosthesis after resection of the mandible, is twice incorrectly cited as O. Martin.

The book will interest the dental surgeon; its splendid illustrations will make it valuable as an atlas and as an aid to clinical instruction. L. E.

Operative Obstetrics, Including the Surgery of the Newborn. By Edward P. Davis, A. M., M. D. W. B. Saunders Company, 1911. Pages 483.

This volume fills a long-felt want in the American obstetrical literature. It places obstetrics where it rightly belongs, and that is in the department of surgery. If this can be impressed upon the profession, it will do much toward elevating the standards of obstetrics. The author clearly shows that the more difficult operations are quite as serious as most operations in abdominal surgery, and a full surgical training is absolutely necessary before undertaking to perform them. There is much in this volume that is original in spite of the fact that there are no new important contributions. The author tells what the authorities at the head of European clinics are doing and what he himself does in his practice. The reviewer was pleased to see the author state the following: "The head must have engaged in the pelvic brim and molded itself in the pelvic brim before the use of forceps is justifiable. With other obstetrical operations so successful as are now pubiotomy and Cesarean section, unless the child is to be deliberately sacrificed, the forceps should not be applied to the head until engagement and molding have occurred. If it is proposed to sacrifice the child, craniotomy is safer for the mother than difficult forceps extraction, the head not engaged." It certainly was a pleasure to review this work. The paper is of the best quality; the print is of good size; the illustrations are numerous (249 of them), for the most part reproduced from the works of the most recent writers. Each subject, whether it comes under the head of surgery, of pregnancy, of labor, of the puerperal period, or of the newborn, is tersely dealt with and a concise statement of the methods of operating is given. The bibliographies at the end of each subject furnish a good key for those who wish to consult the literature.

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